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SUBJ: JOINT COMMITTEE: HIGHLIGHTS OF 11TH JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING

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1. SUMMARY; AT 6 MARCH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SPANISH AND US  
CO-CHAIRMAN REVIEWED STATUS OF UNDELIVERED EQUIPMENT UNDER MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS STIPULATED IN THE 1970 AGREEMENT, STATUS OF  
SPANISH EXIMBANK, CREDITS, REFUELING OF US NAVAL SHIPS IN SPANISH  
PORTS, DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN, THE APPLICABILITY OF THE SPANISH  
G-3 TARIFF TO US SHIPPING, THE US REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPANISH  
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REQUIRED AMBER TURN SIGNALS ON AUTOMOBILES, ROTA OFF BASE EXCHANGE

FACILITY, AND USE OF FM BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES. IT WAS NOTED THAT STATUS OF DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT WAS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE, OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, AND GENERAL SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED OVER DELIVERIES. TWO SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS PERTAINING TO P3A AIRCRAFT ELECTRONIC TEST BENCHES AND 175 MM AMMUNITION WERE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FIVE POINT DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY ACTION PLAN WAS DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL GIVEN TO FORM JOINT SUB-COMMITTEES OF PERMANENT SECRETARIAT TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FIVE ACTION POINTS. US INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING FOR SPANISH DURING LATTER PART OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL WILL INITIATE APPROVED ACTIONS. US CO-CHAIRMAN STATED US DESIRED NAVAL SHIPS BE REFUELED AT SPANISH PORTS ROUTINELY AS HAD BEEN THE CASE SINCE 1953 AGREEMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 1973 MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED SPANISH POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH ARABS OVER OIL EMBARGO BUT POINTED OUT THAT US DELIVERIES TO SPAIN CONSTITUTE THREE TIMES WHAT IS IN TURN DRAWN BY US NAVAL SHIPS WHEN REFUELING IN SPANISH PORTS AND AS A RESULT REPRESENTS NO DRAW DOWN OF SPANISH STOCKS. ADDITIONALLY SPANISH SHIPS ARE ROUTINELY REFUELED IN US. SPANISH SUGGESTED US DEVELOP OWN STORAGE FACILITIES AT NEEDED SPANISH PORTS (OTHER THAN CARTAGENA, EL FERROL AND ROTA)) OR CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS WHERE SHIPS WOULD BE REFUELED IN SPANISH PORTS ON LOAN BASIS WHICH WOULD BE REPLENISHED IN KIND FROM US STOCKS. FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT INFORMATION OF THREE TO ONE REFUELING RATIO UNKNOWN TO SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS AND PERHAPS THAT THIS WAS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. SPANISH EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT IMMINENT LIFTING OF ARAB OIL EMBARGO WOULD MAKE ISSUE IRRELEVANT. AT RECOMMENDATION OF AMBASSADOR IT WAS AGREED THAT ISSUE OF G-3 TARIFF APPLICABILITY TO US SHIPS MAKING DELIVERIES AT CADIZ BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL US-SPANISH COMMITTEE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS, WHICH WOULD CONDUCT A LEGAL REVIEW AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOINT COMMITTEE (REPORTED SEPTEL). US COCHAIRMAN MADE STRONG REQUEST FOR HIGH LEVEL SPANISH REVIEW OF US EXPRESSED NEEDS IN AREAS RELATED TO US FORCES MORALE, DISCIPLINE AND WELFARE RATHER THAN ACCEPTING ROUTINE BUREAUCRATIC DECISIONS. SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED WERE REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPANISH REQUIREMENT FOR AMBER TURN SIGNALS ON ALL VEHICLES OPERATING IN SPAIN WHICH CHANGEOVER REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL BURDEN TO YOUNG ENLISTED MEN. CARS WERE READILY IDENTIFIED AS TOURIST VEHICLES RESULTING FROM ONGOING CONVERSION TO TOURIST PLATES BY US FORCES. THOUGH APPARENT SPANISH INTENDED TO DENY THIS

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REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION AS WELL AS FOLLOWING TWO REQUESTS ITEMS WERE IN FACT LEFT OPEN FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND STUDY BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND NO DECISION WAS MADE. THUS REQUEST FOR SMALL EXCHANGE FACILITY AT REMOTE US NAVY HOUSING AREA ELEVEN MILES FROM ROTA WAS LEFT OPEN FOR FURTHER STUDY AS WAS US REQUEST FOR ROTA AND TORREJON TO USE EACH OTHERS FM FREQUENCIES, APPROVED AND IN USE, SO THAT EACH COULD BROADCAST ON TWO SEPARATE FREQUENCIES. END SUMMARY.

2. PARTICIPATING IN ELEVENTH MEETING OF US-SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE  
AT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY 6 MARCH WERE: US AND SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN,  
AMBASSADOR HORACIO RIVERO AND FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA MAURI; US  
AND SPANISH MILITARY ADVISORS, GENERAL EADE AND SPANISH HIGH  
GENERAL STAFF CHIEF LT. GEN DIEZ-ALEGRIA, AND US AND SPANISH  
SECRETARIES.

3. STATUS OF UNDELIVERED EQUIPMENT. SPANISH EXPRESSED AN  
INTEREST IN DELIVERY DATES FOR TWO ITEMS AFTER EXPRESSING  
SATISFACTION OVER THE DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNDER THE  
1970 AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR RIVERO  
ACKNOWLEDGED PRODUCTION LINE DELIVERY PROBLEMS IN P3A AIRCRAFT TEST  
BENCH CASE AND COMMENTED ON FAVORABLE ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED BY ROTA  
WHICH INCLUDE SPANISH USE OF SUPPORT FACILITIES AND WHICH KEPT AIR-  
CRAFT FULLY OPERATIONAL PENDING SPANISH COMPLETION OF FACILITY  
WHERE UNDELIVERED  
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6. US CO-CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE US FEELS ITS NAVAL SHIPS  
SHOULD BE REFUELED IN THE TRADITIONAL MANNER IN SPANISH PORTS  
SIMILAR TO RECIPROCAL REFUELING TAKING PLACE IN US PORTS

BY SPANISH SHIPS. HE REFERRED TO SPECIFIC PORTIONS IN THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH ESTABLISH PROCEDURES. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE US SELLS IN SPAIN TO THE SPANISH NAVY THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT BOUGHT BY THE US FROM SPAIN. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO SPANISH CONCERNS OVER REFUELING US SHIPS RESULTING FROM THE ARAB EMBARGO BUT REITERATED THAT SPANISH STOCKS OF FUEL WRE IN FACT BEING INCREASED RATHER THAN DIMINISHED AS A RESULT OF US-SPANISH FUEL TRANSACTIONS. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE US NEEDED ASSURANCES OF FLEXIBILITY FOR REFUELING US NAVAL SHIPS AT SPANISH PORTS. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTED US ALTERNATIVE OF PROVIDING ITS OWN STOCKS

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AT SPANISH PORTS BUT IF THIS WERE UNACCEPTABLE SPAIN WOULD REPLENISH US NAVAL SHIPS ON A LOAN BASIS, AT SPECIFIC REQUESTS. FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTED THAT ALL WAS BEING DONE TO FIND A WAY AROUND ARAB RESTRICTIONS WHICH IF IGNORED COULD FIND SPAIN WITHOUT FUEL DELIVERIES. HE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE THAT US PROVIDED SPAIN WITH MORE FUEL THAN US CONSUMED IN SPAIN ADDING THAT THIS NEW INFORMATION COULD PROVE USEFUL IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE US. HE INSISTED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF SHIP VISIT FOR LOGISTICS VISITS OUTSIDE ROTA AND CARTEGENA ASKING FOR SHIP REPLENISHMENT, REQUIRED JOINT COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND WERE NOT AUTOMATIC. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THE THOUGHT THAT THE ARAB FUEL EMBARGO WOULD SHORTLY BE LIFTED THUS RESOLVING ANY DIFFICULTIES THE US AND SPAIN MIGHT HAVE OVER PETROLEUM.

7. AMBASSADOR RIVERO ADDRESSED THE SUBJECTS OF AUTOMOBILE TURN SIGNALS, THE DESIRED OFF BASE EXCHANGE FACILITY NEAR ROTA AND THE FM FREQUENCY USE REQUEST AS ITEMS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AT THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT LEVEL. HE RELATED THESE ITEMS TO THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 32 OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH IDENTIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY , DISCIPLINE AND WELFARE OF US FORCES. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THHAT DECISIONS ON THESE MATTERS BE MADE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION RATHER THAN BY ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF LOWER LEVEL, OFFICIALS ACTING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT AMBER TURN SIGNALS WERE REQUIRED BY THE SPANISH TRAFFIC CODE APPLICABLE TO ALL CARS DRIVEN IN SPAIN AND IN FACT WAS A SAFETY MEASURE. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE HIGH PRICE OF CONVERSION FOR YOUNG SERVICEMEN WAS CONSIDERABEL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A RECONVERSION UPON RETURN TO THE US. FURTHERMORE THESE AUTOMOBILES WERE READILY IDENTIFIED AS TOURIST VEHICLES AS US FORCES WERE CONVERTING FROM SPANISH TO TOURIST PLATES REQUIREING YEARLY CHANGES. THESE SERVICEMEN COULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE TOURISTS ON EXTENDED STAY. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ARGUMENTS CENTERED ON DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING EXCEPTIONS TO A TRAFFIC CODE WHICH SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO ALL. THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED HIS COMMENTS REFERRING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTY

OF CONVERTING ALL VEHICLES WHEN LOCAL GARAGES WERE UNPREPARED TO  
COPE WITH THE THOUSANDS OF CARS INVOLVED. FOREIGN MINISTER  
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REITERATED THAT WHAT US SOUGHT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GRANT, BUT THAT  
GOS WOULD CONSIDER IT.

9. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT AN OFF-BASE STORE SELLING  
UNTAXED ITEMS AT REDUCED PRICES WOULD PRESENT CUSTOMS PROBLEMS AS IT  
WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS VIGILANCE. THE AMBASSADOR  
COUNTERED WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OF ONE-CAR FAMILIES WHERE THE  
HUSBAND DROVE THE CAR TO THE BASE AND WHERE THE NEAREST STORE WAS FIV  
E  
KILOMETERS DISTANT. THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT HOUSING AVAILABLE ON  
BASE WHERE THE SHOPPING FACILITIES WERE AUTHORIZED. GUARDS WOULD  
BE HIRED TO IDENTIFY PURCHASERS AT THE FACILITY AND ONLY MINOR  
NECESSITY ITEMS WOULD BE SOLD AS APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE  
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THE MINISTER STATED THAT THIS MATTER, WHICH HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN  
BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE HIMSELF, WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO FURTHER REVIEW  
PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION.

10. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT SPAIN WAS AUTHORIZED  
FREQUENCIES RESULTING FROM INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED  
SOME TIME AGO WHICH WERE TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY TO SPAIN.  
THIS RESULTED IN FREQUENCY ALLOCATION DIFFICULTIES. THE  
AMBASSADOR COUNTERED THAT THE US DID NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
FREQUENCIES BUT RATHER THAT BOTH ROTA AND TORREJON USE EACHE  
OTHER'S FREQUENCIES RESULTING IN EACH BROADCASTING OVER TWO  
FREQUENCIES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED HE WOULD SUBJECT THE  
MATTER TO FURTHER REVIEW.

11. COMMENTS: THIS MEETING, THE FIRST WITH THE NEW FOREIGN  
MINISTER, WAS CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. THE EXCHANGE  
OF VIEWS WAS FRANK AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS OBVIOUSLY  
WELL VERSED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER. HIS RESPONSE TO THE  
AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS AND ARGUMENTS INDICATED A LEGALISTIC  
APPROACH TO ISSUES BUT ALSO SHOWED A RESPONSIVENESS AND WILLINGNESS  
TO RECONSIDER THE ISSUES WHEN IT WAS APPARENT HE WAS HEARING NEW  
ARGUMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, SPANISH ATTITUDE ON MATTER OF G-3  
TARIFF, FM, TURN SIGNALS AND OFF-BASE RETAIL OUTLET WAS ON  
BALANCE NEGATIVE. ALTHOUGH SPANISH SAID THEY WOULD RECONSIDER  
OR STUDY THESE ISSUES, MUST PRESUME THAT SUCH ASSURANCES ARE  
TACTFUL DIPLOMATIC WAS OF PREPARING US FOR NEGATIVE REPLY.  
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